Delay in construction of Bangalore International Airport

2605 SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the delay in execution of Bangalore International Airport project has caused immense problems and hardship to the farmers, whose land is to be acquired for the purpose, and whose fate is hanging in balance with no permission to develop their land or drilling a borewell for irrigation, nor any compensation for over five years; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay and continuing uncertainty?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) On 1.2.2000, the Government of India has accorded 'in principal approval' for setting up of a new airport at Devanahalli in Bangalore in the joint sector.

Construction of second Airport near Mumbai

2606. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the review committee regarding second airport near Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action plan worked out by the Government for timely completion of this project?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) The Committee is likely to submit its report to Ministry of Civil Aviation by end of April, 2000.

Sacking of staff in IA

2607. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindu dated the 2nd March, 2000 captioned "IA gives the sack to 800 staff in one go"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with the reasons therefor?